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House No. HB1588
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AN ACT relative to the composition of the joint legislative committees, and to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 7; Title 3, Chapter 9; Title 3, Chapter 10; and Title 3, Chapter 15.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-7-101(b), is amended by deleting the words and figures "fifteen (15) members" and by substituting instead the words and figures "thirteen (13) members".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-7-101(b), is further amended by deleting the words and figure "nine (9) representatives" and by substituting instead the words and figure "seven (7) representatives".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-9-101(e), is amended by redesignating the existing language as subdivision (e)(1) and by adding the following as subdivision (e)(2):

(e)(2) Beginning with the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, the chairman of the committee shall serve a two (2) year term to coincide with the elective term of that General Assembly. The chairmanship of the committee shall rotate between the House

of Representatives and the Senate for each General Assembly, so that if a representative is elected to serve as chair of the committee for the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, a senator shall then be elected to serve as chair for the One Hundredth General Assembly, or vice versa. Provided, however, a chair shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, if elected to do so by majority approval of the elected Senate and House members of the committee.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-10-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

(c) Beginning with the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, the chairman of the committee shall serve a two (2) year term to coincide with the elective term of that General Assembly. The chairmanship of the committee shall rotate between the House of Representatives and the Senate for each General Assembly, so that if a representative is elected to serve as chair of the committee for the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, a senator shall then be elected to serve as chair for the One Hundredth General Assembly, or vice versa. Provided, however, a chair shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, if elected to do so by majority approval of the elected Senate and House members of the committee.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-102(a), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the first sentence:

Beginning with the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, the chairman of the committee shall serve a two (2) year term to coincide with the elective term of that General Assembly. The chairmanship of the committee shall rotate between the House of Representatives and the Senate for each General Assembly, so that if a representative is elected to serve as chair of the committee for the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, a senator shall then be elected to serve as chair for the One Hundredth General Assembly, or vice versa. Provided, however, a chair shall be eligible to

succeed himself or herself, if elected to do so by majority approval of the elected Senate and House members of the committee.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-201(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (b)(3):

Beginning with the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, the chairman of the committee shall serve a two (2) year term to coincide with the elective term of that General Assembly. The chairmanship of the committee shall rotate between the House of Representatives and the Senate for each General Assembly, so that if a representative is elected to serve as chair of the committee for the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, a senator shall then be elected to serve as chair for the One Hundredth General Assembly, or vice versa. Provided, however, a chair shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, if elected to do so by majority approval of the elected Senate and House members of the committee.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-301, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (b) and by redesignating the subsequent subsections:

(b) Beginning with the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, the chairman of the committee shall serve a two (2) year term to coincide with the elective term of that General Assembly. The chairmanship of the committee shall rotate between the House of Representatives and the Senate for each General Assembly, so that if a representative is elected to serve as chair of the committee for the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, a senator shall then be elected to serve as chair for the One Hundredth General Assembly, or vice versa. Provided, however, a chair shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, if elected to do so by majority approval of the elected Senate and House members of the committee.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-401, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Beginning with the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, the chairman of the committee shall serve a two (2) year term to coincide with the elective term of that General Assembly. The chairmanship of the committee shall rotate between the House of Representatives and the Senate for each General Assembly, so that if a representative is elected to serve as chair of the committee for the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, a senator shall then be elected to serve as chair for the One Hundredth General Assembly, or vice versa. Provided, however, a chair shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, if elected to do so by majority approval of the elected Senate and House members of the committee.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-502, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Beginning with the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, the chairman of the committee shall serve a two (2) year term to coincide with the elective term of that General Assembly. The chairmanship of the committee shall rotate between the House of Representatives and the Senate for each General Assembly, so that if a representative is elected to serve as chair of the committee for the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, a senator shall then be elected to serve as chair for the One Hundredth General Assembly, or vice versa. Provided, however, a chair shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, if elected to do so by majority approval of the elected Senate and House members of the committee.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.